



Pendle Community Safety Partnership Partnership Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 11th March, 2019,
Nelson Town Hall

Present:

Councillor David Whipp (Chair)

Jerry Stanford	Colne Community Safety Working Group
Abdul Kheratkar	Lancashire County Council
Naveed Aziz	Whitefield Community Association
Georgina Wardleworth	CLCRC
Shazad Sarwar	Community Representative
Tim Horsley	Pendle Borough Council
Sarah Astin	Pendle Borough Council
Audrey Drinkwater	Pendle Borough Council
Nick Harbour	Pendle Borough Council
Scott Boast	Lancashire Police
Andy Winter	Lancashire Police
Robert Ruston	OPCC
Emma Foster	Inspire
Lesley Morville	LCC Children & Family Wellbeing Service
Claire Bennett	Positive Action in the Community

1. Welcome and to receive any apologies for absence

Councillor David Whipp welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from: Rachel Johnson, Caroline Harrison, Mark Evans, Colin Hughes, Martin Jackson, Wayne Forrest, Paul Hutchins, Amanda Lawson, Kirsten McCloy & Cath Coughlan.

2. Minutes from last meeting

The minutes of the last Full Community Safety Partnership held on 10th December, 2018 were approved as a correct record.

3. Regulation of Fireworks Report (see attached report for full details)

A report had been prepared by Tim Horsley and sent to the Special Budget Policy and Resource Committee to update the Committee on the current regulation of the use, possession, storage, manufacture and sale of fireworks. The Committee briefly discussed the report and decided that it would be best to leave with the Full Community Safety Partnership to decide on any further steps to take.

After having a discussion around fireworks at the previous meeting and considering the details in the report, the CSP decided to ask Tim to write to the government in the name of the Partnership, if tighter restrictions on the sale of fireworks can be implemented. It was also recommended that a public notice is released to the general public with details of how to complain to the Police when issues are arising around the sale and misuse of fireworks.

Action: Tim to write to the Government on behalf of the Partnership requesting tighter restrictions on the sale of fireworks.

Andy Winter to request that the Police media team circulate some information on social media around who to contact and what to report when residents have concerns.

4. Home Office – Serious Violence

Sarah Astin had recently attended a regional event in Manchester looking at the delivery of a new Serious Violence Strategy and gave the following update:

Action in the strategy is centered on 4 main themes:

- tackling county lines and misuse of drugs
- early intervention and prevention
- supporting communities and local partnerships
- law enforcement and the criminal justice response

The strategy describes a range of initiatives including:

- a new £11 million Early Intervention Youth Fund to support communities for early intervention and prevention with young people for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020
- the development of a new National County Lines Co-ordination Centre to tackle violent and exploitative criminal activity associated with county lines
- funding to help deliver a new round of heroin and crack action areas
- more rounds of the anti-knife crime Community Fund of up to £1 million for 2018 to 2019 and 2019 to 2020
- more funding for young people's advocates working with gang-affected young women and girls

The strategy focuses on early intervention and prevention which can help catch young people before they go down the wrong path, encouraging them to make positive choices.

Full details of the strategy can be seen here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-strategy>

The group discussed that it was fortunate that the more serious types of violence such as knife crime being committed by young people seems to be in and around major cities and has not reached Pendle. It was agreed that the group must look to keep on top of this with details on how to raise awareness on the prevention of knife crime and other similar incidents. This will be incorporated into the new CSP action plan.

Action: Note the report.

5. Review of CSP Action Plan 2018-19

Sarah gave a brief update on the latest from the CSP Action Plan for 2018-19 and what work has been carried out to meet the challenges. Partners were asked to add into this as appropriate.

Following the Home Office Locality Review Support Day held in October 2018, a group of partners met to consider next steps. This was attended by Sarah Astin, Claire Bennett, Lesley Morville and Mark Spedding. Actions from the group have been merged into the Burnley and Pendle Exploitation Awareness Group action plan, which will link with the new Pendle CSP action plan.

Action: ALL Partnership members to update the CSP 2018-19 action plan as appropriate, and send to sarah.astin@pendle.gov.uk .

6. Pendle Community Safety Strategy 2019-22

Before this meeting took place, a workshop was held to share ideas and develop the Community Safety Strategy for 2019-2022. Attendees were split into groups and asked to identify some key priorities that they would like to see addressed over the coming three years.

Some examples that were identified from the various group discussions were as follows:

- Domestic abuse
- Tackling knife crime

- Drug & alcohol misuse
- Alienation of young people

Sarah will circulate all the information from the workshop, to include those who did not attend. Further work will then take place to identify key priorities and actions for the new strategy and action plan.

Action: Sarah to circulate all the information from the workshop

7. Funding

Sarah reported that there is still money available for any new initiatives that people want to suggest that could go towards supporting the CSP plan.

£10,000 OPCC funding was available at the start of the year, of which £4,000 committed to SMILE mediation services. This leaves £6,000 from the pot.

£2,000 was also committed by Pendle Borough Council, which has now been spent.

Some initiatives that are currently going through are as follows:

- £3,000 to be spent on youth engagement in Barnoldswick and Colne to try to understand the reasoning behind the high levels of anti-social behaviour in the areas.
- £3,000 to cover the costs for a forensic accountant, looking into organised crime groups. This one is currently awaiting approval.
- Funding given to the Sanctuary Scheme to allow it to continue until the end of March this year.

Next year's funding will see another £10,000 provided by the OPCC. It was agreed that £4,000 of this again be given to continue the mediation work through SMILE.

Action: Any initiatives (to support the CSP plan) – please contact Sarah Astin.

Sarah to provide information at the next meeting around the outcomes of the spends from 2018/19.

8. Performance

Police - MATAC

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Note the update.

Domestic Abuse Services

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Claire has recently been doing some work with Robert Ruston at the OPCC to do some comparison of data sets of survey users. The comparisons will be used to help identify emerging needs & trends.

Action: Robert to send the Victim Support stats to Nick Harbour so that they can be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Lancs Fire & Rescue (see report for full details)

Please refer to attached report for full details.

Action: Note the update.

Inspire

Emma Foster will be taking over management for the team in the Pendle District as of 1st April. The team are currently still working from the Grass Roots Centre but they are looking for more suitable accommodation to meet their increasing workload. If anyone has any ideas of a spacious facility that Inspire could move into, please contact Emma.

Action: Note the update.

ASB & Community Safety

Please refer to attached report for full details.

A discussion took place around the issues with some people rough sleeping and begging in the area. It is hoped that the group can discuss this in more detail at the next meeting to look at ways of engaging more with such vulnerable people.

It was also suggested that Andy Winter could flag up with the Police that potentially it could be a modern day slavery issue in the case of some of the beggars in that they are being forced to do it by others.

Action: To take this forward through the Pendle Transforming Lives Panel and feed back to Pendle CSP.

Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel

PAM now in use and being utilised by those on the Genga/ Serious Organised Crime Panel. This is a system whereby all members of the panel can share information in one central place.

The potential to employ a forensic accountant mentioned in the funding item on the agenda will support the work of the Genga Panel.

As always, there are six or seven different organised crime groups being targeted.

The meetings are now being held bi-monthly instead of monthly in Pendle, with quarterly Pennine meetings.

Action: Note the update.

9. Forum Updates

Burnley & Pendle Exploitation Group

Claire reported that only three people turned up to the last group meeting. The group need to look at reasons as to why people are not attending – it will be re-vamped to task & finish style agendas, including actions from the Locality Review Support Day.

Pendle Domestic Violence Forum

The next meeting due to take place on Wednesday 13th March. Presentations are scheduled from guest speakers from the Police and Hospital IDVA.

Refuge bid now out to tender.

Pendle Youth Forum

The youth forum meets later this week. A separate meeting has recently taken place between various organisations including the Council, Police, PAC, residents, parents and local young people, with regards to ASB incidents taking place in Colne. All the

organisations are currently working together to look at finding a place where local youths can meet, feel safe and keep out of trouble.

10. Media Opportunities

No media opportunities specifically identified. Sarah Astin to arrange publicity of key events mentioned via Pendle Borough Council.

11. Any other Business

The consultation on the proposed end to the Lancashire Wellbeing Service was raised. Sarah to formulate a response from the CSP, to be circulated for comment and submitted by the 25/03/19 deadline.

12. Date of Next Meeting

All present agreed to the following dates for meetings during 2019-20:

Monday 10th June 2019, 14:00 – 16:00
Monday 09th September 2019, 14:00 – 16:00
Monday 09th December 2019, 14:00 – 16:00
Monday 09th March 2019, 14:00 – 16:00